

HO-320, The Pocock-Rodgers House  
5749-5753 Main St., Elkridge  
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill  
February 2003

## **ADDENDUM**

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### Section 3. Owner of Property

Catherine M. Swiney (owns eastern half of the building)  
5749 Main Street  
Elkridge, MD 21075

And

William and Mary Cooch (own western half of the building)  
5753 Main Street  
Elkridge, MD 21075

### Section 4. Location of Legal Description

5749 Main (eastern half)  
Howard County Courthouse  
Ellicott City  
Liber 3119, Folio 336  
Tax Map 38, Parcel 349

5753 Main (western half)  
Howard County Courthouse  
Ellicott City  
Liber 878, Folio 156  
Tax Map 38, Parcel 348

### Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing property in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

### Section 7. Description

Condition: Altered, Good  
Date: ca. 1830

This interesting and much altered building faces north on the south side of Main Street almost directly across from the Levering Road intersection. To the east is HO-319, The Tilghman-Ferraro House, while HO-496, The Lineberg House, is located immediately to the west. Originally, the brick building was three stories high and four bays wide. It was two rooms deep, but the back half of the structure was only two stories high with a dropped shed roof while a side gabled roof covered the front three-story half

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of the structure. The house has 5:1 common bond walls, currently painted red, two brick interior end chimneys, one on each gable end, and a stone foundation. The roof is currently covered with asphalt shingles. The house is presently divided in half for two separate dwellings, and the eastern part of the house has a very large two-story, two-bay wide, four-bay deep frame addition on the east and rear facades.

The front (north) façade of the original building is four bays wide and three stories high. On the first story, there is a window in both end bays and two entry doors into the two separate dwellings in the two center bays. The left most window is 1/1 double hung wood. The opening is original but it has been enlarged to accommodate a taller window. The door in the second bay is not an original door (it is Craftsman-style) but the opening is an original door opening. The door in the next bay is in an original window opening that has been enlarged. The fourth bay accommodates a 1/1 double hung wood window that is in an original window opening that has been enlarged. On the second story, there are four windows vertically aligned above the first story openings. The two windows on the left side are 1/1 vinyl replacements while the two on the right are 1/1 double hung wood. On the third story, there are four smaller windows vertically aligned above the windows below. The two on the left side are single light vinyl replacements but the two on the right are original 3/3 sliding sash. None of the windows currently have shutters but the shutter dogs are still in place for the second story windows. A corbelled brick cornice runs across the front of the building and the first and second story window and door openings have gauged brick flat arches. A single-story wrap around front porch made of rusticated concrete block made to look like stone has a lattice balustrade and Ionic columns on square posts and runs across the entire front of the house and wraps around the east side. This porch probably dates to the 1920's or 1930's when the use of rusticated concrete block was popular.

Originally, the rear façade of the building was four bays wide with proportionally ranked, vertically aligned windows. The back half of the house is only two stories high so a dropped shed roof over this section engages the three-story section just below the third story windows. The west half of the house still has the original 3/3 sliding sash windows on the third story, the second story windows on the west half of the house are 2/2, and the first story has been obscured by a single story frame shed-roofed addition that has an eight-light door and 2/2 windows. The two third story windows on the east half of the house have been replaced with single light vinyl windows, and the eastern-most bay of the house on the first and second stories has been obscured by the large two-story frame addition. The one visible second story window on the east half of the brick portion of the house has been replaced with a 1/1 vinyl window. On the first story of the east half of the house, there is a door in the second bay with three horizontal lights over three horizontal panels. The door probably dates to the 1930's or 40's and judging by the brickwork around the opening, the aperture was originally a window opening. It does have a gauged flat brick arch, however, the only one visible on the rear façade. A corbelled brick cornice, identical to the one on the front of the house, decorates both the three-story block and the two-story shed roofed block.

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The west façade of the house has two vertically aligned windows in the first and second stories in the three-story brick section of the house in front of the chimney stack. Both windows are 1/1 replacements. There are also two windows on the first story and one on the second story in the rear two-story brick section. These are not vertically aligned. The windows on the first story are 2/2 while the second story window is 1/1. The single-story, frame, shed roofed addition has two 2/2 windows. The stone foundation of the brick portion of the house has been covered with cement.

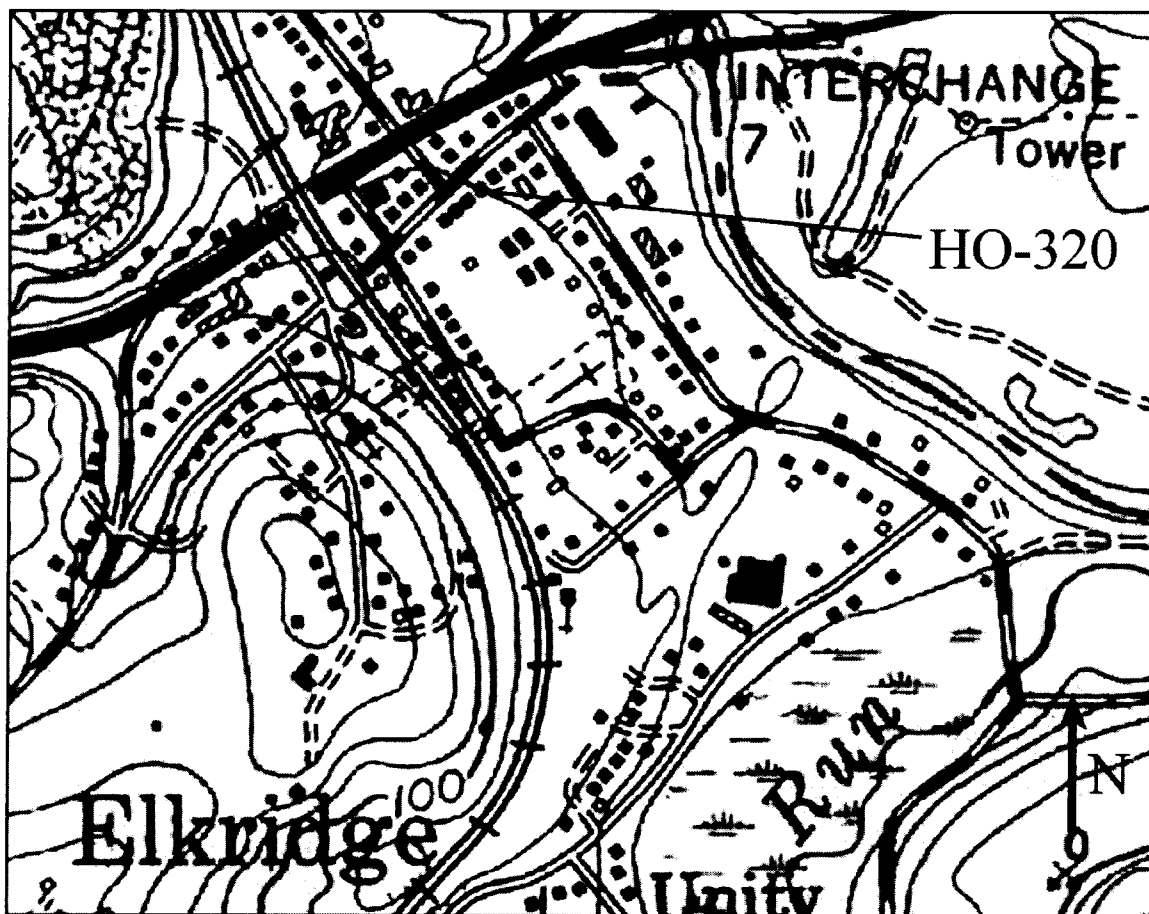
The east façade of the house has been completely altered by the large two-story frame addition. The addition has a front gabled roof over two bays fronting Main Street and extending four bays to the rear. There is one window visible in the east façade of the original brick portion of the house but the brick work indicates that this is not an original opening. The photos taken for the inventory in the 1970's show that while part of the frame addition was already in place at that time, a substantial portion of it (the current eastern-most bay and the four-bay deep section extending behind the rear of the building) has been made within the last 25 years. The 1970's photo also shows that the windows in the frame addition in place at that time were Queen Anne-style, with many small colored panes above one large pane, indicating that this section of the frame addition must date at least to the 1890's or early 1900's.

The surveyor was denied entry to the western portion of the house. Access to the eastern portion of the house was not sought because of the obvious massive alterations. There are no outbuildings or landscape features associated with this structure.

A probable construction date of ca. 1830 is suggested for this building based on the corbelled brick cornice, jack arches, and overall similarity between this structure and the one at 5721 Main Street, HO-369.

### Section 11. Form Prepared by

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HO-320, Pocock-Rodgers House  
Elkridge, Howard County, MD  
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay  
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



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February 2003

November at MD 5400

North (Hwy) bridge

Hwy 100



HO-300. The Herck-Rodgers House

1413 + 1413 1/2 Main St. Williams Landing Historic District  
Inverard County, MO

Photo by Kristin Hall

February 2003

Negative at MO SHC

NE facade showing large frame addition

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UC-32a. The Peak-Pledge house

2011 S 753 Main St. E.L.

Howard County, MD

Photoboy: Kristin Hill

February 2003

Negative at MD SHPO

North facade, western half

# 574

to be very boring. Distinct



HO 320 "The Rockledge House"

5753 Main St. & 1/2 mile away from District  
Howard County, MD

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Seal (max) for sale

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HO-320

The Pocock-Rodgers House

Private

Elkridge

Circa 1828

The Pocock-Rodger's House faces north on the south side of Main Street, Elkridge, just west of the Tilghman-Ferraro House, HO-319. It is a four bay wide, one room deep, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) building, with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and a two story high, hipped roof, Victorian, frame appendage constructed along its east wall. A two story high, four bay wide, shed roofed, brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) addition with tall, square, brick, east and west brick chimneys, runs along the building's south wall, off which further appendages have been added. A hipped roof, open porch, held by stone piles, connecting a laticed stone railing and holding fluted, Ionic stone columns, supports the roof, along the entire north elevation, covering the two central bay entrances.

The house has been divided into two residences and has remained in the Pocock and Rodgers family since 1828 when George Pocock conveyed this house and the Tilghman-Ferraro House, east of it, to his son, George H. Pocock.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-320  
District 1  
MAGI # 1403205404

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Pocock-Rodgers House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5749-53 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge, Maryland, 21227

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER

2 families

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rodgers

Catherine L. Rodgers

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5749 Main Street

5753 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge, Md. 21227

Elkridge, Md. 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Tax Map. 38p 349 & 348  
Hall of Recordsp. 349  
Liber #: 426  
Folio #: 139p. 348  
226  
125

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

HO 320

District 1

**CHECK ONE****CONDITION****CHECK ONE**☒ EXCELLENT☐ DETERIORATED☐ UNALTERED☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ GOOD☐ RUINS☒ ALTERED☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_☐ FAIR☐ UNEXPOSED**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Pocock-Rodgers House faces north on the south side of Main Street, just west of the Tilghman-Ferraro House, HO-319. It is a four bay wide, one room deep, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) building, with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and a two story high, hipped roof, Victorian, frame appendage constructed along its east wall. A hipped roof, open porch, held by stone piles, connecting a laticed stone railing and holding fluted, Ionic, stone columns, supports the roof, along the entire north elevation. A two story high, four bay wide, shed roofed brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) addition, whose east and west walls hold a tall square brick chimney runs along the building's south wall

Fenestration is proportionally scaled, vertically aligned, and double-hung, holding one-over-one lights with third floor eye brow windows on the north elevation only, holding three-over-three lights. Rectangular north entrances are located in the two central bays on the first floor.

A two bay wide shed roofed appendage extends from the west half of the brick addition's south wall. It hold in its west wall, two, two-over-two light rectangular windows.

A one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame appendage runs south from the east side of the brick addition's south wall. It holds two, two-over-two light, east windows and a one story high, shed roofed appendage off its south wall, holding a rectangular entrance and two over-two light window.

A later two story high frame addition runs along part of the east wall of the brick house and its south addition. It holds an eight light storm door over a nine light entrance door, similar to those in the two central bays of the brick house's north wall. West of the door is a one-over-one light window. The east elevation holds four continuous rectangular, one-over-one light windows, while the second floor extends southward along the entire east elevation. resting partially on the porch roof. It holds a single second floor seventeen-over-one light window in its north and south walls, and two similar double windows on its east wall. A first floor double one-over one light window rests in the south wall.

The building has been divided into two private residences and is well maintained, although the east addition to the building does not add to its architectural integrity.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

<b>PERIOD</b>		<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</b>				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

**SPECIFIC DATES** circa 1838 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Pocock-Rodgers House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland, historically, as one of seven buildings owned by George Pocock in 1838, along the south side of Main Street, Elkrige, commonly known as the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike Road; and architecturally, as a well-proportioned and finely scaled brick building of the early 1800's.

Historically, the building can be traced back to the will of George Pocock on October 20, 1838, when he devised this house and his residence, The Tilghman-Ferraro House, H0-319, located east of this house, to his son, George H. Pocock. He describes them as "two houses and lots of land, laying and being in Elkrige Landing in Anne Arundel County, in the south side of the Baltimore and Washington Turnpike Road and adjoining the property of Dr. Gustavus McElhaney on the east and bounded on the west by two stones planted". He goes on to devise a lot and five houses to his daughter, Matilda Hobbs, located "west of the lot devised to George H. Pocock, his son".

George H. Pocock married a girl named Matilda and had four children: Permelia, who married Louis V. Kirby; Emma L. Pocock, who married Allen G. Dorsey; Ella V. Pocock, who married Joseph N. Collins. George H. Pocock inherited the Tilghman-Ferraro House, H0-319 and this house, H0-320 from his father. At his death in 1881, his children laid out the dowry of their mother Matilda (44-430). Presently owned by the Rodgers family, it is divided into two dwelling units and parcels of land; parcel #349 is owned by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Rodgers and parcel #348 is owned by Catharine L. Rodgers.

According to Margaret Tilghman, Mr. George Pocock lived first in the Tilghman-Ferraro House, H0-319 and later moved to the Pocock-Rodgers House, H0-320, where his daughter Gertrude Pocock Rodgers, wife of Harris Rodgers took care of him. The son of Harris and Gertrude Rodgers, Mr. James Montcure Rodgers, presently lives in the house.

Architecturally, it is one of Howard County's finest examples of brick architecture, featuring proportionally scaled and vertically aligned fenestration on the front facade of the building, terminating on the third floor with three-over-three eye-brow windows and featuring wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. The varied appendages on its south wall in no way diminish its integrity, while the addition along its east wall, although it does not conform to the basic building profile is representative of the early twentieth century or late nineteenth century Victorian architecture of that period.

For these reasons the Pocock House is of historical and outstanding architectural significance and should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Critical Areas Program.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Miss Margaret Tilghman at her home , December 5, 1978.  
Howard County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** Tax Map. p.349 Tax Map 38 p .348  
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .245 acres

1 lot - improvements  
Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38 p.348

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 226 Folio 125

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

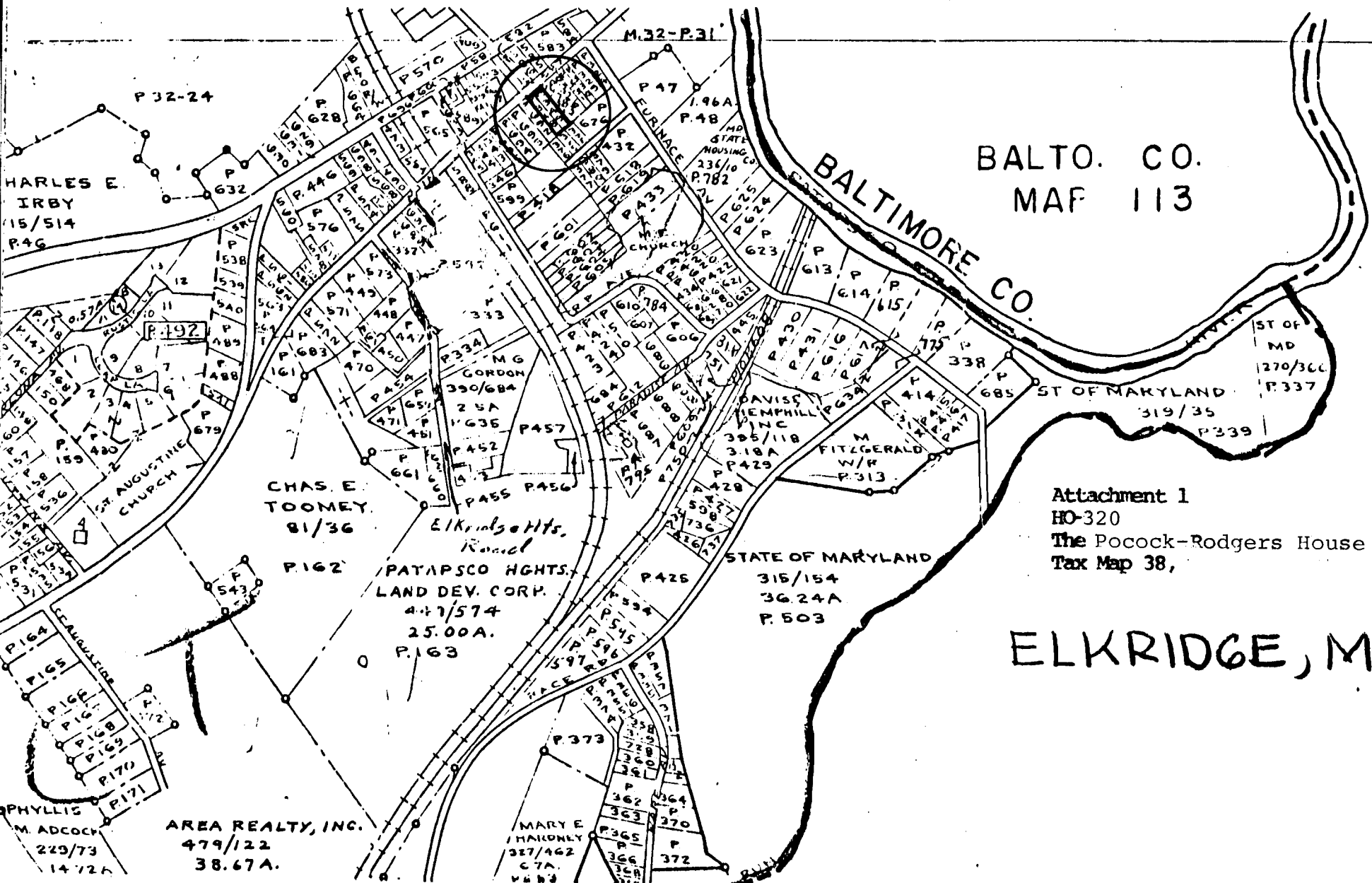
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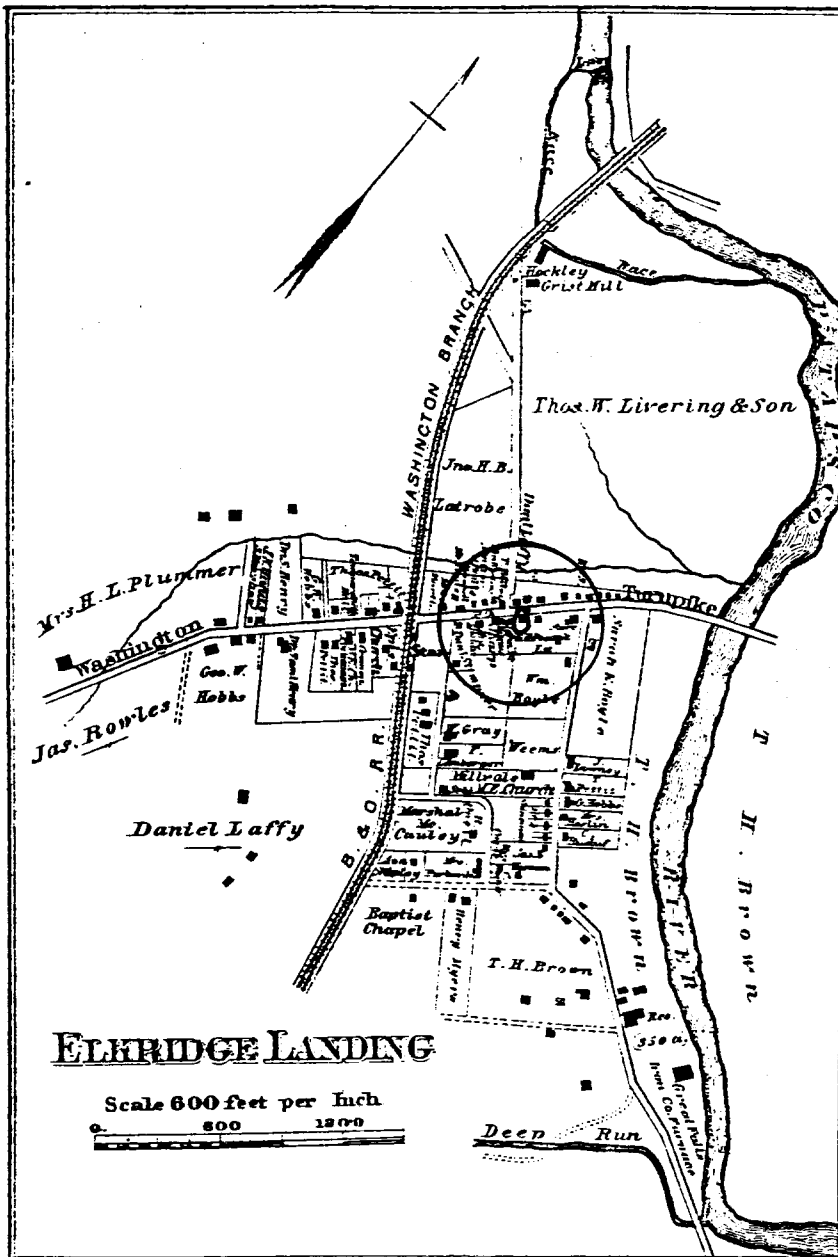
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

ELKRIDGE, MD





Elbridge Landing Business Notices.	
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THOMAS M. DOBBINS, 43 St. Paul street, Baltimore.	
BLACKSMITHS AND WHEEL- WRIGHTS.	
JOHN BRYAN.	
JOHN B. HELM.	
CARPENTER.	
JAMES ROWLES.	
ENGINEER.	
JOHN N. HANDS.	
GENERAL MERCHANTS.	
DANIEL LAFFY.	
MARSHALL MCCAULEY.	
JOSEPH H. TALBOT.	
GEORGE W. POCOCK.	
POST MASTER.	
JAMES KARP.	
TINSMITH.	
GEORGE LANOR, Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Bookbinding and Sponsoring, etc.	



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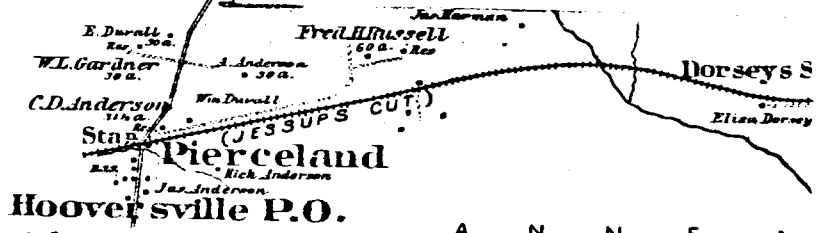
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Streams	.....
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Attachment 37  
HO-320

The Pocock-Rodgers House  
Hopkins Atlas of 1878



A N N E A

The Pocock-Rodgers House  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland, Quadrangle

The Pocock-Rodgers House  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland, Quadrangle



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North east  
CB Thompson, ALCP  
December-1978